

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20469 March 20, 2003

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Martin Depoy, Treasurer
National Association of Real Estate Investment
Trusts, Inc., Political Action Committee
1875 Eye Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

Identification Number: C00303339

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02)

Dear Mr. Depoy:

On February 5, 2003, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your February 12, 2003 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. The Commission notes your letter dated February 13, 2003. Please be advised that if a committee files an amendment to a report that was filed electronically, it shall also submit the amendment in an electronic format. If CFR §104.18(f). Your paper filing dated February 13, 2003 will not be considered an amended report. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule B of your report discloses a \$2,155.21 payment to your connected organization for Orrin G. Hatch (pertinent portion(s) attached). 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits a corporation or labor organization from contributing or expending funds for the purpose of influencing any federal election; however, a connected organization may pay for the solicitation and administrative costs of its separate segregated fund.

Please amend your report to clarify whether the payment to your connected organization was for expenditures which were intended to influence federal elections and provide the dates of the activity conducted by your connected organization. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

(4) (1) An adequate response must be received at the Commission by April 9, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Christopher Morse on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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